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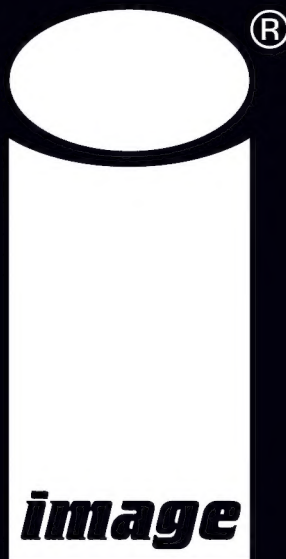
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WANDA!

THAT'S IT!

FINALLY, I REMEMBER HER NAME. **WANDA BLAKE**. I REMEMBER HOW HER GRANDMA HAD A FIT AT THE WEDDING, WHEN SHE FOUND OUT WANDA WASN'T GOING TO TAKE MY LAST NAME.

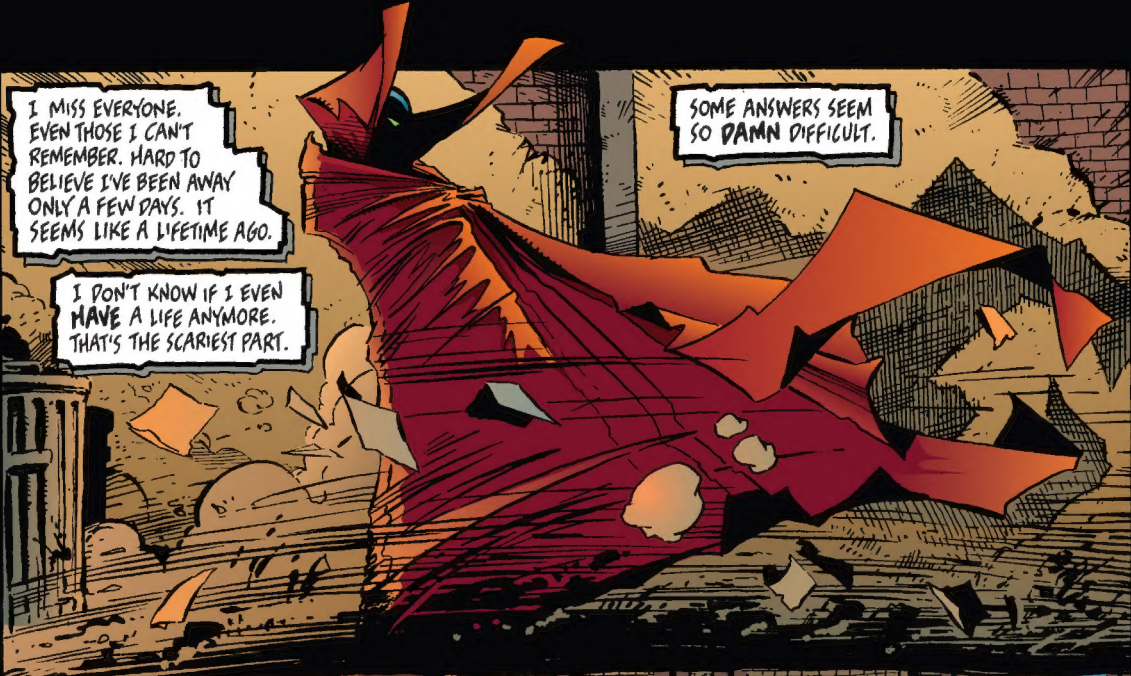
WONDER HOW GRANDMA BLAKE IS THESE DAYS. SHE COULD BE DEAD FOR ALL I KNOW. HELL, **EVERYONE** I KNEW COULD BE DEAD. STILL CAN'T RECALL ALL MY LIFE, BUT THE PIECES ARE COMING TOGETHER FASTER NOW.

EVERY FLASH OF MEMORY ADDS ANOTHER STRING OF INFO. FUNNY HOW BEING A WALKING DEAD MAN CAN SCREW UP YOUR LIFE.

AT LEAST I REMEMBERED WANDA'S NAME. WAS DRIVING MYSELF **CRAZY** KNOWING I HAD A WIFE I COULDN'T IDENTIFY. ONLY THING IS, I DON'T KNOW IF **SHE'S** ALIVE EITHER.

WITH FIVE YEARS OF MY LIFE MISSING, **ANYTHING** MIGHT BE POSSIBLE NOW. AFTER I FIND HER, I CAN CHECK ON MY BROTHERS... AND MOM AND DAD.


HOPE THEY DON'T MIND HAVING A GHOST WALK INTO THEIR LIVES.




I MISS EVERYONE. EVEN THOSE I CAN'T REMEMBER. HARD TO BELIEVE I'VE BEEN AWAY ONLY A FEW DAYS. IT SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME AGO.

I DON'T KNOW IF I EVEN HAVE A LIFE ANYMORE. THAT'S THE SCARIEST PART.

SOME ANSWERS SEEM SO DAMN DIFFICULT.



LIKE, THAT LITTLE FAT GUY LAST NIGHT-- WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT? AND WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THAT FACE PAINT OF HIS? I WAS SO SURE HE HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ME.



WHAT I NEED TO DO IS GET THE FILE ON WANDA. SEE WHERE SHE LIVES. START FROM THERE. AND I KNOW JUST WHERE THE BOYS AT THE AGENCY KEEP THAT INFORMATION. AMUSING, HOW I USED TO BITCH AT THEM FOR INVADING PEOPLES' PRIVACY... THEY MIGHT HAVE THE MISSING CLUES I'M LOOKING FOR.


GETTING INTO THE BUILDING WILL BE A CINCH WITH THESE POWERS. I'M ALMOST LIKE A FRIGGIN' YOUNGBLOOD. WONDER IF THEY'RE STILL AROUND. THERE'S PROBABLY A HUNDRED OF 'EM, KNOWING THOSE GOVERNMENT STIFFS. "EXPLOIT AND OVERKILL," THE MOTTO OF ANY GOVERNMENT SYSTEM.

WE'VE GOT A FEW SCORES TO SETTLE, UNCLE SAM AND I. LIKE, NUMBER ONE...

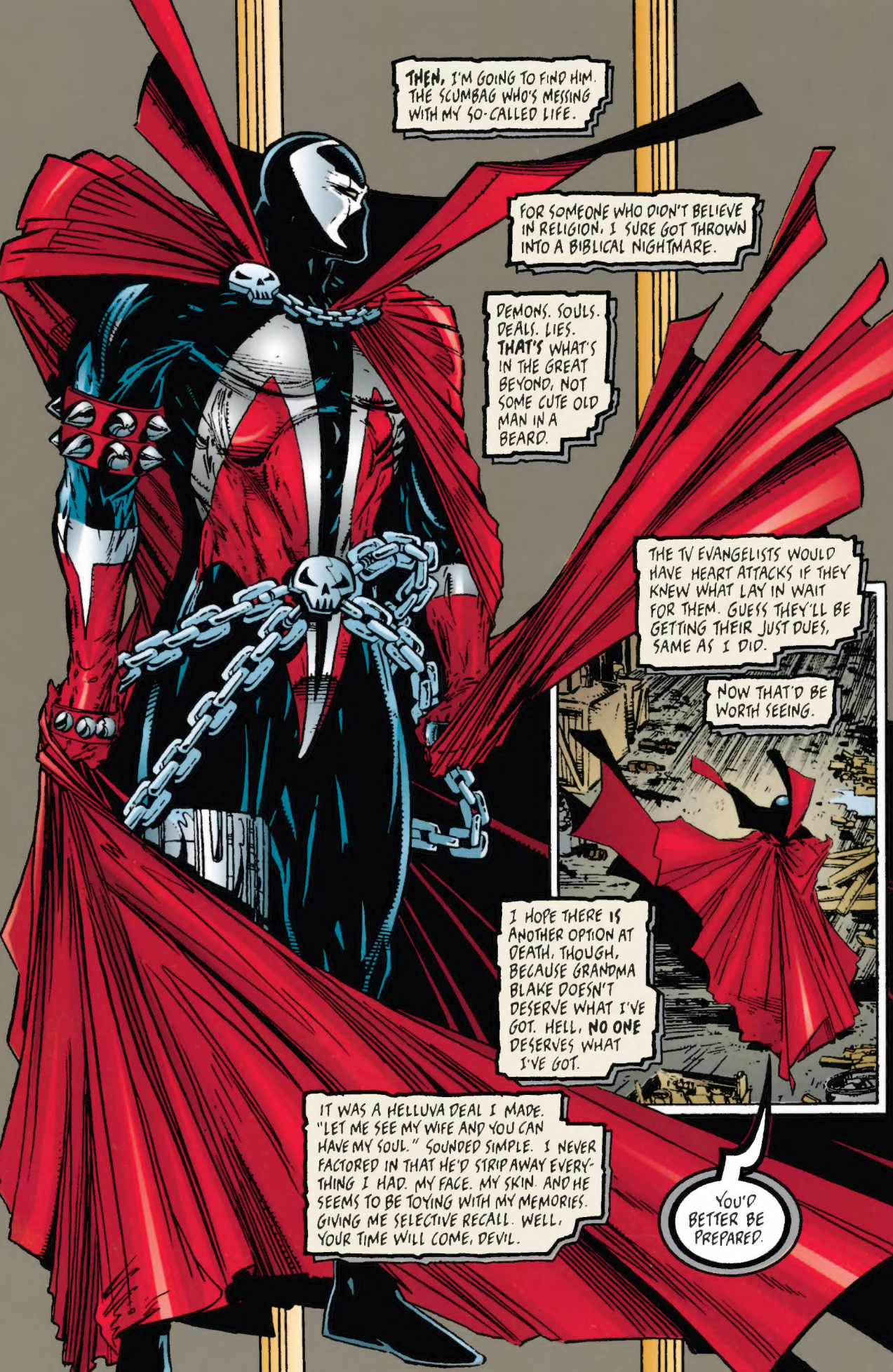
...HOW DID I DIE. THAT ONE STILL HASN'T COME BACK TO ME. I'LL PUT THAT ONE ON THE BACK-BURNER...

...FOR NOW.

AN OBNOXIOUS PAIN IN THE ASS IS WHAT HE WAS. STILL, THERE WAS SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT HIM. AH WELL, HE'S THE LEAST OF MY PROBLEMS.



HAVE TO FIGURE THIS CRAP OUT ONE BIT AT A TIME. FIRST, I HAVE TO SEE WANDA... SHE'S THE ONLY REASON I'M EVEN BACK.



THEN, I'M GOING TO FIND HIM.
THE SCUMBAG WHO'S MESSING
WITH MY SO-CALLED LIFE.

FOR SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE
IN RELIGION, I SURE GOT THROWN
INTO A BIBLICAL NIGHTMARE.

DEMONS. SOULS.
DEALS. LIES.
THAT'S WHAT'S
IN THE GREAT
BEYOND, NOT
SOME CUTE OLD
MAN IN A
BEARD.

THE TV EVANGELISTS WOULD
HAVE HEART ATTACKS IF THEY
KNEW WHAT LAY IN WAIT
FOR THEM. GUESS THEY'LL BE
GETTING THEIR JUST DUES,
SAME AS I DID.

NOW THAT'D BE
WORTH SEEING.

I HOPE THERE IS
ANOTHER OPTION AT
DEATH, THOUGH.
BECAUSE GRANDMA
BLAKE DOESN'T
DESERVE WHAT I'VE
GOT. HELL, NO ONE
DESERVES WHAT
I'VE GOT.

IT WAS A HELLUVA DEAL I MADE.
"LET ME SEE MY WIFE AND YOU CAN
HAVE MY SOUL." SOUNDED SIMPLE. I NEVER
FACTORED IN THAT HE'D STRIP AWAY EVERY-
THING I HAD. MY FACE. MY SKIN. AND HE
SEEMS TO BE TOYING WITH MY MEMORIES.
GIVING ME SELECTIVE RECALL. WELL,
YOUR TIME WILL COME, DEVIL.

YOU'D
BETTER BE
PREPARED.

[illegible]

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

Oh, my.
Simmons, you
poor, pathetic
FOOL!

Threaten away,
you little maggot.
It'll do you no good,
'cause you've been
locked into a deal.
I can't lose.

I've dealt with your kind a million times. Always begging for more. Always needing something. Well, now you have something...

...something **BIG** and **MEAN** and **UGLY!!**



My personal mission
is to make your new
life a living
HELL!

Yes, my dear friend,
it wasn't by accident
that you were picked to
receive the **power**. Your
life history made you
the perfect choice.

How amusing... a hired
killer now thinks he can
have **morals**.

No, Al Simmons, morals
are not a luxury we are
granted. We do because we
have to. That is enough.

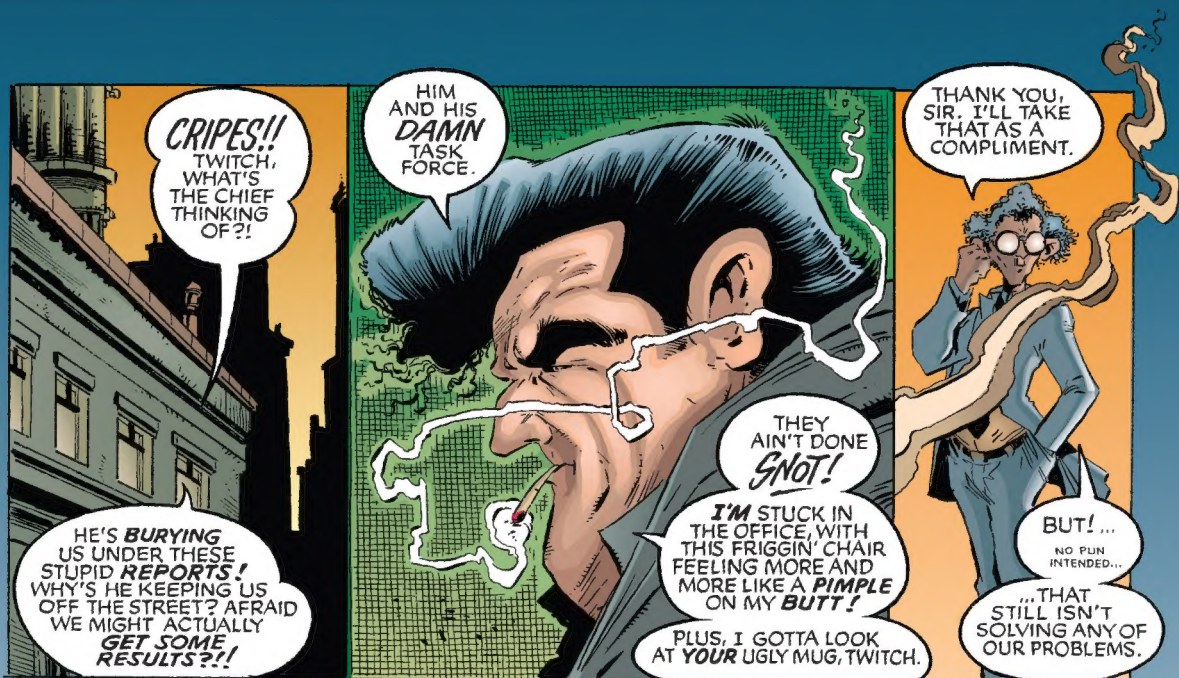
Rhyme or
reason are
irrelevant. We
must grow. Our
army must grow.
You've been selected
to help speed up that
growth. And in case
you might need a little
motivation, I've sent a
few friends to keep
an eye on you.

Trust is
not strong
among
us.

Yes,
you and I
made a simple
deal...

UNFORTUNATELY,
you forgot
to read the
small print.

HAHAH! HAHA



THE C.I.A. -- NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS...

GOT MY WIFE'S FILE. THIS SHOULD GIVE ME SOME ANSWERS.

JUST NEED TO TAKE CARE OF ONE SMALL DETAIL.

IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT, **LINDA**. WHY DON'T WE CALL IT A NIGHT.

PERHAPS I CAN BUY YOU A DRINK?

Uh... NO THANK YOU, MR. MILLER, MY HUSBAND IS WAITING FOR ME.

AND HOW IS THE NEW HUBBY, **ANYWAYS**. SURELY HE WON'T MIND IF YOU'RE NOT HOME RIGHT ON TIME.

ACTUALLY, SIR, HE... uh... NEEDS ME TO HELP COOK DINNER.

SPEAKING OF COOKING, WHY WASTE THOSE BEAUTIFUL LIPS ON **FOOD**, WHEN I CAN THINK OF A NUMBER OF THINGS I'D **MUCH** RATHER SEE THEM DO.

Hmmmm.

PLEASE, MR. MILLER, I CAN'T--!

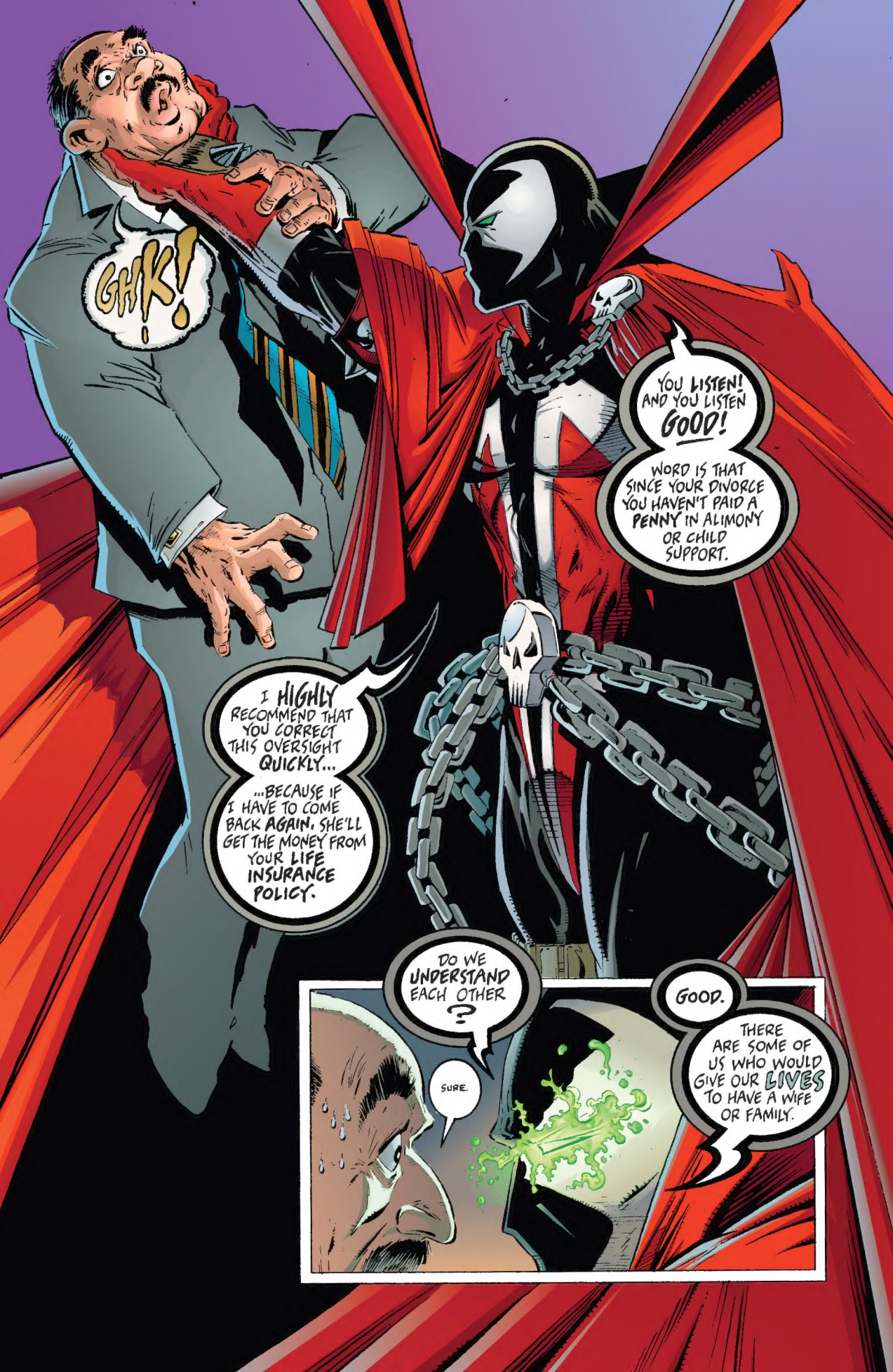
OH YES YOU CAN. BUT NOT TONIGHT, I GUESS.

OKAY. GATHER YOUR STUFF. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING. AND WEAR THAT CUTE LITTLE BLUE OUTFIT I LIKE SO MUCH.

AT THIS LATE HOUR? NOT MUCH OF A **MAN** IF HE JUST SITS AROUND WAITING FOR YOU TO COOK.

HEY!!

WHO'S BEEN SCREWING WITH MY FILES?



GHK!

YOU LISTEN!
AND YOU LISTEN
GOOD!

WORD IS THAT
SINCE YOUR DIVORCE
YOU HAVEN'T PAID A
PENNY IN ALIMONY
OR CHILD
SUPPORT.

I **HIGHLY**
RECOMMEND THAT
YOU CORRECT
THIS OVERSIGHT
QUICKLY...

...BECAUSE IF
I HAVE TO COME
BACK AGAIN, SHE'LL
GET THE MONEY FROM
YOUR LIFE
INSURANCE
POLICY.

DO WE
UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER
?

SURE.

GOOD.

THERE
ARE SOME OF
US WHO WOULD
GIVE OUR **LIVES**
TO HAVE A WIFE
OR FAMILY.





OH,
YEAH.

IF YOU
EVER TOUCH YOUR
SECRETARY AGAIN,
YOU'LL NEVER USE
THOSE HANDS
AGAIN.

THEY
ALWAYS SAID
YOU WERE SCUM,
BILLY.

UHM?!

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW MY
NAME?

WHERE
ARE YOU?!!
DAMMIT?!!

WHO
ARE
YOU?!



PRAY YOU
NEVER LEARN.



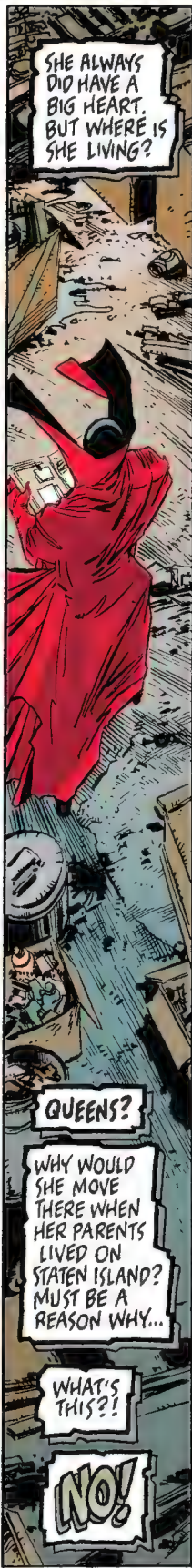
YES!

THAT'S IT!
Become
evil!
Vicious!
Violent!!

HaHaHaHaHaHa



SHE STARTED
A SCHOLAR-
SHIP IN MY
NAME, TO HELP
THE UNDER-
PRIVILEGED.



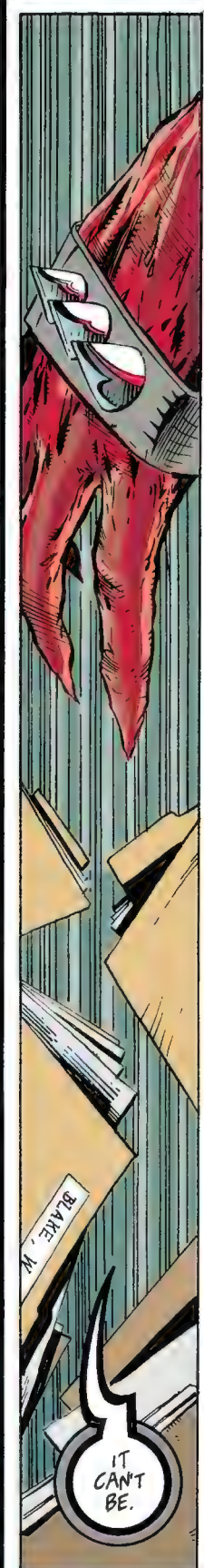
SHE ALWAYS
DID HAVE A
BIG HEART,
BUT WHERE IS
SHE LIVING?

QUEENS?

WHY WOULD
SHE MOVE
THERE WHEN
HER PARENTS
LIVED ON
STATEN ISLAND?
MUST BE A
REASON WHY...

WHAT'S
THIS?!

NO!



BLAME, W

IT
CAN'T
BE.



9:4:3:2



QUEENS, THE
NEXT DAY...

A TWENTY-FIVE MINUTE
COMMUTE FROM MANHATTAN
STANDS A NONDESCRIPT
HOUSE. WHITE FENCE.
PORCH. THE PERFECT
LITTLE HIDEAWAY--

--AND THE HOME OF WANDA
BLAKE, WIDOW OF
LT. COL. AL SIMMONS.

TIME TO
CHANGE INTO HUMAN
FLESH AGAIN. WISH I
COULD LOOK LIKE MY-
SELF. BUT THESE POWERS
SEEM TO HAVE A MIND
OF THEIR OWN
SOMETIMES.

I CAN'T EVEN
CHANGE MY
APPEARANCE. KEEP
TURNING INTO THIS
DAMN WHITE
GUY.

WORSE
YET...

...I LOOK
LIKE SOME
CALIFORNIA
BEACH
BUM.

AND OF
ALL THE HAIR
COLORS--
WHY
BLONDE?!

THAT'S
IT, KEEP
JOKING. THEN
MAYBE YOUR
NERVES WILL
SETTLE
DOWN.

OR AT
LEAST YOUR
HANDS WILL
STOP
SHAKING.

FEEL LIKE SOME
STUPID SCHOOL KID
GOING OUT ON HIS
FIRST DATE. NOW
THERE'S A JOKE,
WE DATED THREE
YEARS AND WERE
MARRIED FIVE...

HAVE TO GO SLOW.
FEELS LIKE I'VE
BEEN GONE ONLY A
FEW DAYS, BUT FIVE
YEARS HAVE PASSED
FOR HER. HOPE
SHE'LL REMEMBER.

HOPE I CAN
COUNT ON HER.

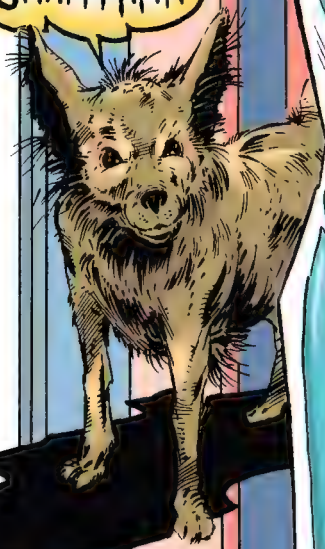


WELL...
HERE GOES
EVERYTHING.

BZZT

BE
RIGHT
WITH
YOU!

GRRRRRRR



GOOD
DAY! MAY
I HELP
YOU?



MY GOD. SHE'S EVEN
MORE BEAUTIFUL.

Uh...
HELLO... I'M
FROM THE...
THE...

WHAT'S
THE MATTER?
IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU'VE SEEN
A GHOST.

EXCUSE MY
APPEARANCE... I
WAS JUST TRYING THIS
DRESS ON TO SEE IF IT
FITS. BIG BUSINESS PARTY
TONIGHT. YOU KNOW THE
KIND. LOTS OF PEOPLE.
LOTS OF FOOD. MINIMAL
FUN. BUT IF I DON'T
GO, THEN THE WHOLE
OFFICE GETS
UPTIGHT.

SO
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK OF
IT?

YOU'RE
GORGE... I MEAN,
IT'S GORGEOUS.



SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF



THANKS.

ANYWAY, YOU RANG THE BELL. SO WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

ALL RIGHT NOW. YOU'VE ALREADY GONE OVER THIS A DOZEN TIMES. HIT HER WHERE SHE'S GOT A SOFT SPOT.

Uh...

I'M FROM THE S.C.A., AND WE'RE GOING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, CHECKING TO SEE IF THE DOGS HAVE BEEN LICENSED. WE'RE HAVING A SPECIAL THIS WEEK WHERE YOU CAN RENEW THE LICENSE FOR TWELVE DOLLARS, OR REGISTER FOR FIFTEEN DOLLARS IF IT'S FIRST TIME. ALSO, WE KNOW IF

MAMA!
MAMA!

WHAT?!



WHY YOU GO, MAMA?

EXCUSE ME.

SWEETY, MOMMY HAD TO GET THE DOOR. A MAN WANTS TO KNOW IF YOUR DOGGIE IS OKAY.

A GIRL!!

THE FILE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A CHILD. HOW CAN IT BE... WE COULDN'T... I THOUGHT SHE COULDN'T...



I'M SORRY. SHE'S ONLY FIFTEEN MONTHS OLD AND STILL AT THAT CLINGING STAGE. EVERY TIME I LEAVE THE ROOM SHE THINKS I'M ABANDONING HER.

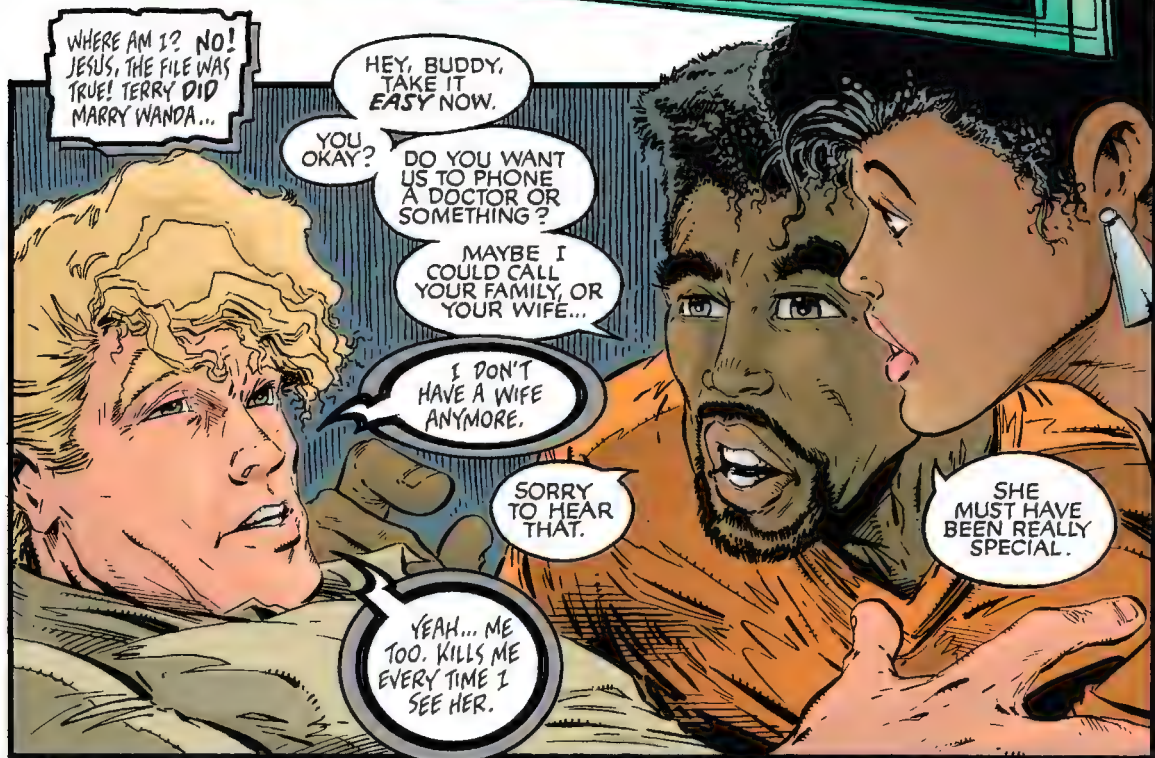
SILLY GIRL. MOMMY WOULDN'T LEAVE YOU.

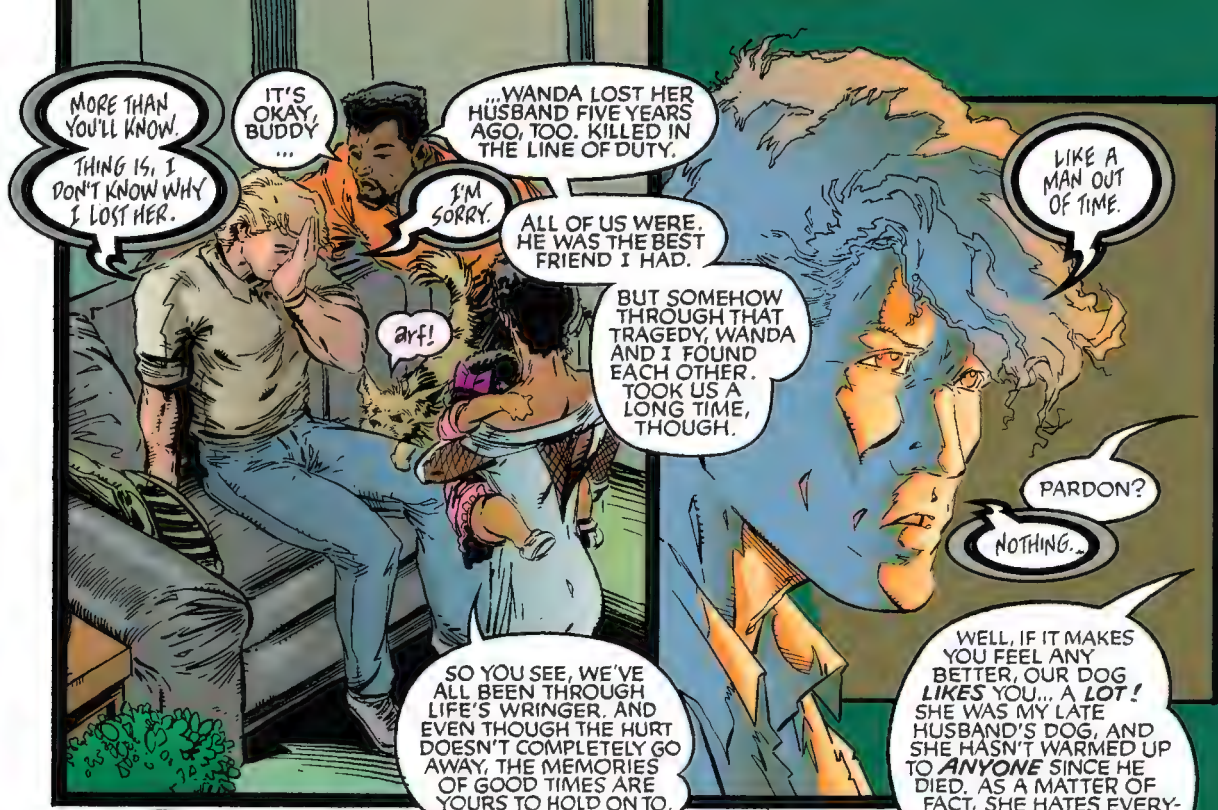
WE ALWAYS WANTED CHILDREN, BUT SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT. DOCTORS SAID IT WAS NO USE.

BUT IT WAS ME!

GODDAMMIT, IT WAS ME!!

NOW, WHERE WERE WE AGAIN...?





MORE THAN YOU'LL KNOW.

THING IS, I DON'T KNOW WHY I LOST HER.

IT'S OKAY, BUDDY...

...WANDA LOST HER HUSBAND FIVE YEARS AGO, TOO. KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

I'M SORRY.

ALL OF US WERE. HE WAS THE BEST FRIEND I HAD.

arf!

BUT SOMEHOW THROUGH THAT TRAGEDY, WANDA AND I FOUND EACH OTHER. TOOK US A LONG TIME, THOUGH.

LIKE A MAN OUT OF TIME.

PARDON?

NOTHING...

SO YOU SEE, WE'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH LIFE'S WRINGER. AND EVEN THOUGH THE HURT DOESN'T COMPLETELY GO AWAY, THE MEMORIES OF GOOD TIMES ARE YOURS TO HOLD ON TO.

WELL, IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, OUR DOG **LIKES** YOU... A LOT! SHE WAS MY LATE HUSBAND'S DOG, AND SHE HASN'T WARMED UP TO **ANYONE** SINCE HE DIED. AS A MATTER OF FACT, SHE HATES EVERYONE... EVEN TERRY. YOU MUST HAVE A KIND SOUL.

SAY, HOW'RE YOU FEELING, ANYWAY?

NOT ANY MORE.

OK, DON'T BE SILLY!

YOU STRIKE ME AS A VERY STRONG PERSON. TAKE THAT GIFT AND SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. I'M SURE YOUR EX-WIFE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO STOP BEING YOURSELF.

MY WIFE... I MEAN MY EX-WIFE... DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME ANYMORE.

SHE'S RE-MARRIED. HAS A FAMILY NOW. EVEN THOUGH I LOVE HER MORE THAN EVER, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S RIGHT FOR ME TO INVADE THAT HAPPINESS.

SHE'S AS HAPPY AND BEAUTIFUL AS YOU SEEM TO BE.

WHAT A SWEET THING TO SAY. THANK YOU.

IF I TRY TO TELL HER MY FEELINGS, I THINK I'D RUIN HER LIFE. SHE-- SHE SEEMS REALLY HAPPY NOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT.

YOU'RE WELCOME. SORRY IF I RUINED YOUR DAY.





AS NIGHT FALLS, HIS
PAIN ONLY MOUNTS.

WHY??

WHY ARE YOU
TORTURING ME?!
WHAT KIND OF
SADISTIC PLEASURE
ARE YOU GETTING
FROM THIS??

YOU
WANT MY
SOUL?

THEN COME
GET IT!

JUST
TRY AND
GET IT!!

I WAS GOING TO
GIVE IT TO YOU
WILLINGLY! DO YOU
HEAR!!

I JUST WANTED
MY WIFE! CAN'T YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT?? I DON'T
WANT THESE POWERS... I NEVER
ASKED FOR THEM OR ANYTHING
ELSE! I ONLY WANTED ONE
THING... TO SEE
MY WIFE!

YOU COULD
HAVE HAD MY SOUL.
YOU COULD HAVE HAD
ANYTHING!

BUT YOU'VE
LIED AND
CHEATED FOR
THE LAST TIME,
**I PROMISE
YOU!**

YOU'VE STOLEN
WANDA FROM ME...
TAKEN MY FACE, MY VERY
EXISTENCE AWAY. AND YOU
EVEN HAD TO PROVE IT
WAS ME WHO
COULDN'T PRODUCE
CHILDREN.

YOU KNEW
SHE WANTED A CHILD
MORE THAN ANYTHING. NOW
SHE HAS THAT CHILD-- HOW
CAN I ETHICALLY GET IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THAT?!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO
SCREW ME, I'M GOING TO
SCREW YOU!

YOU WANT
MY SOUL--
THEN COME GET IT!
LET'S SEE WHO'S
GOT THE
POWER!

YOU
SCUMBAG.

AS IF ON
CUE...

UH?

Yo!

MR. SPAWN--DUDE!
REMEMBER ME??
WE DIDN'T GET A
CHANCE TO SHARE
OUR COMMON
INTERESTS.

LIKE
KILLING
!

AND
MAIMING
!

AND
SLAUGHTER-
ING !

AND
DESTROY-
ING!

8:8:2:1

ALL THE
THINGS
YA DID
WHEN YA WERE
WITH THE
GOVERNMENT?
REMEMBER

YOU AND I
COULD HAVE
A MILLION
LAUGHS
TOGETHER

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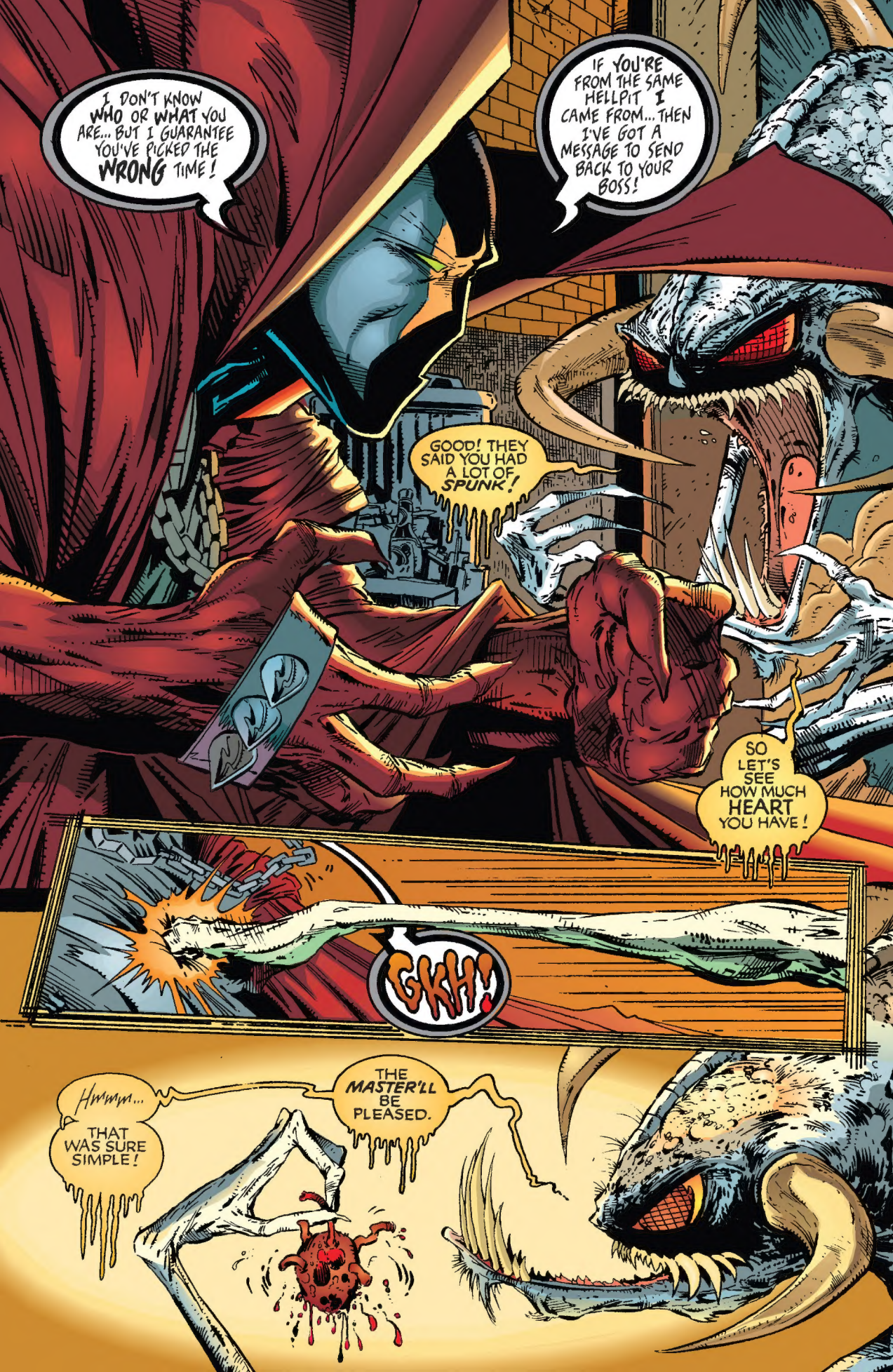
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I DON'T KNOW
WHO OR WHAT YOU
ARE... BUT I GUARANTEE
YOU'VE PICKED THE
WRONG TIME!

IF YOU'RE
FROM THE SAME
HELLPIT I
CAME FROM... THEN
I'VE GOT A
MESSAGE TO SEND
BACK TO YOUR
BOSS!

GOOD! THEY
SAID YOU HAD
A LOT OF
SPUNK!

SO
LET'S
SEE
HOW MUCH
HEART
YOU HAVE!

GKHH!

Hmmm...
THAT
WAS SURE
SIMPLE!

THE
MASTER'LL
BE
PLEASED.

I LIVE TO
SERVE THE
MASTER.

DON'T KNOW
WHY HE WASTED
SO MUCH TIME
ON THIS GUY. I
HEARD HE HAD
SOME SPECIAL
POWERS.

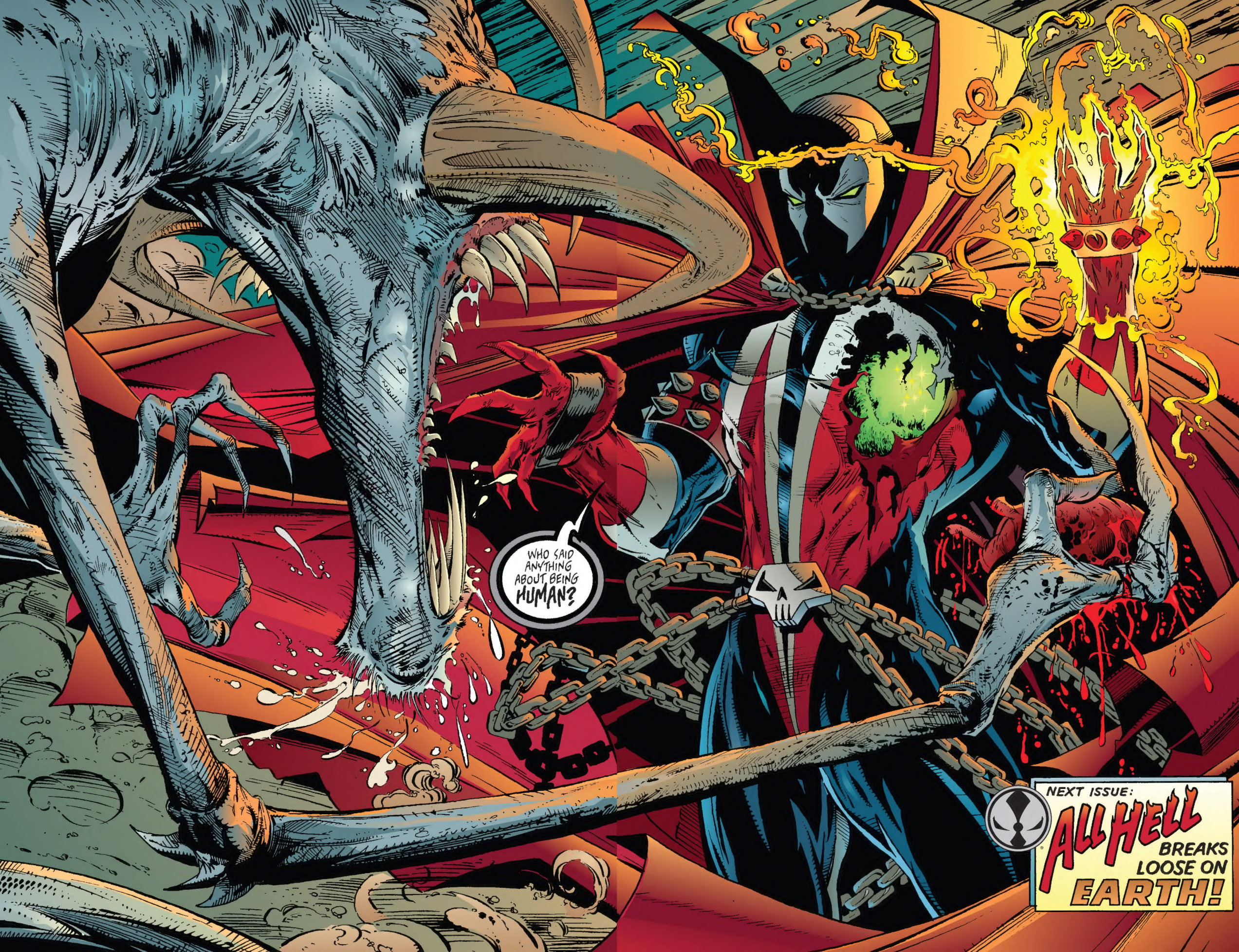
OBVIOUSLY,
NOT
ENOUGH.

I'M TIRED OF THE
OTHERS ALWAYS
BEING AFRAID OF
SOMEONE ELSE.

IT'S THE
VIOLATOR
THEY SHOULD
FEAR MOST.

NOT SOME SOFT FLESH-
AND-BONES OF A MERE
HUMAN!

VIOLATOR.



WHO SAID
ANYTHING
ABOUT BEING
HUMAN?

NEXT ISSUE:

ALL HELL
BREAKS
LOOSE ON
EARTH!



Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE